

while the ACLU lawyers and other plaintiff attorneys are out of the room.

But the ACLU's strategy in trying to destroy our government's ability to monitor terrorist communications has been to take their cases to federal courts in different regions—in effect, judge shopping.

Because the House Democrats' FISA bill would, as the ACLU puts it, keep "the courthouse door open," chances are that they would be able to find judges only too happy to make the telecom firms pay multimillion-dollar awards. The only just solution is for Congress to grant those firms full retroactive immunity.

As Vice President Dick Cheney recently told the Heritage Foundation, "those who assist the government in tracking terrorists should not be punished with lawsuits. . . it's not even proper to confirm whether any given company provided assistance." He added: "In some situations, there is no alternative to seeking assistance from the private sector."

The Center for Responsive Politics reports that trial lawyers contributed some \$85 million to Democratic candidates in the 2006 election cycle. Obviously, Democrats believe letting those legal parasites feed off patriotic companies who have saved countless American lives is what is expected of them in return.

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to support the House's changes to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, FISA, Amendments Act. After 8 long years of watching Republicans kowtow to the President's tyrannical policies, I am only too happy to stand by a bill that will hold his administration accountable to some of their past actions and prevent future administrations from abusing our civil liberties.

Our government was designed to be of the people, by the people, and for the people. But under President Bush, it has been a government of the executive branch, by the executive branch, and for the executive branch. The Administration's so-called "security measures"—tapping phones, obtaining personal records, and spying without warrants—have undermined basic freedoms and diminished trust in government.

It will take a great deal of time to clean up the mess left by this administration. We can take an important step forward today by giving telecommunications companies their day in court and establishing strict restrictions to prevent the government from spying whenever and on whomever it pleases. By voting for this bill, we make it clear that we won't let the President make a quick escape from Washington without bringing his transgressions to light. Rather than hide behind the threat of terrorism to justify illegal activities, as past Congresses have done, we will defend the constitutional rights of our constituents.

The Bush administration has tried its hardest to convince us that our country's most basic tenets are unattainable. It believes that in order to protect life, we must sacrifice liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That line of thought is wrong, President Bush is wrong, and I encourage my colleagues to support this bill and show that they are above the executive branch's scare tactics.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 1041, the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS).

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 213, nays 197, answered "present" 1, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 145]

YEAS—213

Abercrombie	Grijalva	Obey
Ackerman	Gutierrez	Oliver
Allen	Hall (NY)	Ortiz
Altmiere	Hare	Pallone
Andrews	Harman	Pascarella
Arcuri	Hastings (FL)	Pastor
Baca	Herseth Sandlin	Payne
Baird	Higgins	Pelosi
Baldwin	Hill	Perlmutter
Barrow	Hinojosa	Peterson (MN)
Bean	Hirono	Pomeroy
Becerra	Hodes	Price (NC)
Berkley	Holt	Rahall
Berman	Honda	Reyes
Berry	Hoyer	Richardson
Bishop (GA)	Inslee	Rodriguez
Bishop (NY)	Israel	Ross
Blumenauer	Jackson (IL)	Rothman
Boswell	Jackson-Lee	Roybal-Allard
Boucher	(TX)	Ruppersberger
Boyd (FL)	Jefferson	Ryan (OH)
Boyd (KS)	Johnson (GA)	Salazar
Brady (PA)	Johnson, E. B.	Sánchez, Linda
Braley (IA)	Jones (OH)	T.
Brown, Corrine	Kagen	Sanchez, Loretta
Butterfield	Kanjorski	Sarbanes
Capps	Kaptur	Schakowsky
Cardoza	Kennedy	Schiff
Carnahan	Kildee	Schwartz
Carson	Kilpatrick	Scott (GA)
Castor	Kind	Scott (VA)
Chandler	Klein (FL)	Serrano
Clarke	Langevin	Sestak
Clay	Larsen (WA)	Shea-Porter
Cleaver	Larson (CT)	Sherman
Clyburn	Lee	Sires
Cohen	Levin	Skelton
Conyers	Lewis (GA)	Slaughter
Costa	Lipinski	Smith (WA)
Costello	Loeb sack	Snyder
Courtney	Lofgren, Zoe	Solis
Crowley	Lowe y	Space
Cuellar	Lynch	Spratt
Cummings	Mahoney (FL)	Stark
Davis (AL)	Maloney (NY)	Stupak
Davis (CA)	Markey	Sutton
Davis (IL)	Marshall	Tanner
DeFazio	Matheson	Tauscher
DeGette	Matsui	Taylor
DeLauro	McCarthy (NY)	Thompson (CA)
Dicks	McCollum (MN)	Thompson (MS)
Dingell	McGovern	Tierney
Doggett	McIntyre	Towns
Donnelly	McNerney	Tsongas
Doyle	McNulty	Udall (CO)
Edwards	Meek (FL)	Udall (NM)
Ellison	Meeks (NY)	Van Hollen
Ellsworth	Melancon	Velázquez
Emanuel	Michaud	Visclosky
Engel	Miller (NC)	Walz (MN)
Eshoo	Miller, George	Wasserman
Etheridge	Mitchell	Schultz
Farr	Mollohan	Waters
Fattah	Moore (KS)	Watson
Foster	Moore (WI)	Watt
Frank (MA)	Moran (VA)	Waxman
Giffords	Murphy (CT)	Weiner
Gillibrand	Murphy, Patrick	Wexler
Gonzalez	Murtha	Wilson (OH)
Gordon	Nadler	Wu
Green, Al	Napolitano	Wynn
	Neal (MA)	Yarmuth

NAYS—197

Aderholt	Bilbray	Boren
Akin	Bilirakis	Brady (TX)
Alexander	Bishop (UT)	Broun (GA)
Bachmann	Blackburn	Brown (SC)
Bachus	Blunt	Buchanan
Barrett (SC)	Boehner	Burgess
Bartlett (MD)	Bonner	Burton (IN)
Barton (TX)	Bono Mack	Buyer
Biggert	Boozman	Calvert

Camp (MI)	Hinchey	Platts
Campbell (CA)	Hobson	Poe
Cannon	Hoekstra	Porter
Cantor	Holden	Price (GA)
Capito	Hulshof	Pryce (OH)
Capuano	Inglis (SC)	Putnam
Carney	Issa	Radanovich
Carter	Johnson (IL)	Ramstad
Castle	Johnson, Sam	Regula
Chabot	Jones (NC)	Rehberg
Coble	Jordan	Reichert
Cole (OK)	Keller	Renzi
Conaway	King (IA)	Reynolds
Cooper	King (NY)	Rogers (AL)
Crenshaw	Kingston	Rogers (KY)
Cubin	Kirk	Rogers (MI)
Culberson	Kline (MN)	Rohrabacher
Davis (KY)	Knollenberg	Ros-Lehtinen
Davis, David	Kucinich	Roskam
Davis, Tom	Kuhl (NY)	Royce
Deal (GA)	Lamborn	Ryan (WI)
Dent	Lampson	Sali
Diaz-Balart, L.	Latham	Saxton
Diaz-Balart, M.	LaTourette	Schmidt
Doolittle	Latta	Sensenbrenner
Drake	Lewis (CA)	Sessions
Dreier	Lewis (KY)	Shadegg
Duncan	Linder	Shays
Ehlers	LoBiondo	Shimkus
Emerson	Lucas	Shuler
English (PA)	Lungren, Daniel	Shuster
Fallin	E.	Simpson
Feeney	Mack	Smith (NE)
Ferguson	Manzullo	Smith (NJ)
Filner	Marchant	Smith (TX)
Flake	McCarthy (CA)	Souder
Forbes	McCaul (TX)	Stearns
Fortenberry	McCotter	Sullivan
Fossella	McCrery	Terry
Fox	McDermott	Thornberry
Franks (AZ)	McHenry	Tiahrt
Frelinghuysen	McHugh	Tiberi
Gallely	McKeon	Turner
Garrett (NJ)	McMorris	Upton
Gerlach	Rodgers	Walberg
Gilchrest	Mica	Walden (OR)
Gingrey	Miller (FL)	Wamp
Gohmert	Miller (MI)	Welch (VT)
Goode	Miller, Gary	Weldon (FL)
Goodlatte	Moran (KS)	Westmoreland
Granger	Murphy, Tim	Whitfield (KY)
Graves	Myrick	Wilson (NM)
Hall (TX)	Neugebauer	Wilson (SC)
Hastings (WA)	Paul	Wittman (VA)
Hayes	Pearce	Wolf
Heller	Pence	Young (FL)
Hensarling	Petri	
Herger	Pitts	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Davis, Lincoln

NOT VOTING—20

Boustany	Hunter	Rangel
Brown-Waite,	LaHood	Rush
Ginny	Musgrave	Tancred
Cramer	Nunes	Walsh (NY)
Everett	Oberstar	Weller
Green, Gene	Peterson (PA)	Woolsey
Hooley	Pickering	Young (AK)

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Messrs. KINGSTON, EHLERS, and McDERMOTT changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the motion was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 202, nays

148, answered “present” 1, not voting 79, as follows:

[Roll No. 146]

YEAS—202

Aderholt	Gutierrez	Obey
Allen	Hall (NY)	Oliver
Andrews	Hare	Ortiz
Arcuri	Hastings (FL)	Pallone
Baca	Herseth Sandlin	Pastor
Baird	Higgins	Paul
Baldwin	Hill	Payne
Barrow	Hinchey	Price (NC)
Bean	Hinojosa	Rahall
Berkley	Hodes	Renzi
Berman	Honda	Reyes
Berry	Hoyer	Richardson
Biggert	Inslee	Rodriguez
Bishop (GA)	Israel	Ross
Bishop (NY)	Jackson (IL)	Rothman
Boren	Jackson-Lee	Roybal-Allard
Boswell	(TX)	Ruppersberger
Boucher	Jefferson	Salazar
Boyd (KS)	Johnson (GA)	Sanchez, Linda
Brady (PA)	Johnson (IL)	T.
Brown, Corrine	Jones (NC)	Sanchez, Loretta
Buchanan	Jones (OH)	Sarbanes
Butterfield	Kanjorski	Schakowsky
Capps	Kaptur	Schiff
Capuano	Kildee	Schwartz
Cardoza	Kilpatrick	Scott (GA)
Carnahan	Kirk	Scott (VA)
Carson	Klein (FL)	Serrano
Castor	Kucinich	Sestak
Clarke	Kuhl (NY)	Shadegg
Clay	Lampson	Shea-Porter
Cleaver	Langevin	Sherman
Clyburn	Larsen (WA)	Shuler
Cohen	Lee	Sires
Cooper	Levin	Skelton
Costa	Lewis (GA)	Smith (NJ)
Courtney	Lipinski	Smith (WA)
Crowley	Loebuck	Snyder
Cuellar	Lofgren, Zoe	Solis
Cummings	Lowe	Souder
Davis (CA)	Lungren, Daniel	Space
Davis (IL)	E.	Spratt
Davis, Lincoln	Lynch	Sutton
DeFazio	Mahoney (FL)	Tanner
DeGette	Maloney (NY)	Taylor
DeLauro	Markey	Thompson (MS)
Dent	Marshall	Tierney
Dingell	McCarthy (NY)	Towns
Doggett	McCollum (MN)	Tsongas
Donnelly	McCrery	Udall (NM)
Doyle	McDermott	Van Hollen
Ellison	McGovern	Velázquez
Emanuel	McIntyre	Visclosky
Emerson	McNerney	Walberg
Engel	McNulty	Walz (MN)
Eshoo	Meek (FL)	Wasserman
Etheridge	Meeks (NY)	Schultz
Farr	Melancon	Waters
Fattah	Michaud	Watson
Filner	Miller (NC)	Watt
Foster	Miller, George	Waxman
Giffords	Mollohan	Weiner
Gillibrand	Moore (KS)	Welch (VT)
Gonzalez	Moore (WI)	Wexler
Goodlatte	Moran (VA)	Wilson (OH)
Gordon	Murphy (CT)	Wu
Granger	Murphy, Patrick	Wynn
Green, Al	Nadler	Yarmuth
Grijalva	Napolitano	

NAYS—148

Akin	Camp (MI)	Duncan
Alexander	Campbell (CA)	Ehlers
Altmire	Cannon	Ellsworth
Bachmann	Cantor	English (PA)
Bachus	Capito	Fallin
Barrett (SC)	Carney	Feeney
Bartlett (MD)	Carter	Ferguson
Barton (TX)	Castle	Flake
Bilbray	Chabot	Forbes
Bilirakis	Chandler	Fortenberry
Bishop (UT)	Cole (OK)	Fox
Blackburn	Conaway	Franks (AZ)
Blunt	Cubin	Garrett (NJ)
Bonner	Culberson	Gerlach
Bono Mack	Davis (KY)	Gilchrest
Boozman	Davis, David	Graves
Brady (TX)	Davis, Tom	Hall (TX)
Broun (GA)	Deal (GA)	Hastings (WA)
Brown (SC)	Diaz-Balart, L.	Heller
Burgess	Diaz-Balart, M.	Hensarling
Burton (IN)	Doolittle	Hergert
Calvert	Dreier	Hobson

Hoekstra	McMorris	Rogers (MI)
Hulshof	Rodgers	Rohrabacher
Inglis (SC)	Mica	Roskam
Issa	Miller (MI)	Royce
Johnson, Sam	Miller, Gary	Ryan (WI)
Jordan	Mitchell	Sali
King (IA)	Moran (KS)	Sensenbrenner
King (NY)	Murphy, Tim	Shimkus
Kingston	Myrick	Shuster
Kline (MN)	Neugebauer	Smith (NE)
Knollenberg	Pence	Smith (TX)
Lamborn	Perlmutter	Stearns
Latham	Peterson (MN)	Sullivan
LaTourette	Petri	Thompson (CA)
Latta	Platts	Thornberry
Lewis (CA)	Poe	Tiahrt
Linder	Porter	Tiberi
LoBiondo	Price (GA)	Turner
Lucas	Pryce (OH)	Udall (CO)
Mack	Putnam	Upton
Manzullo	Radanovich	Walden (OR)
Matheson	Ramstad	Wamp
McCarthy (CA)	Regula	Westmoreland
McCaul (TX)	Rehberg	Wilson (NM)
McCotter	Reichert	Wilson (SC)
McHenry	Reynolds	Wittman (VA)
McHugh	Rogers (AL)	Wolf
McKeon	Rogers (KY)	

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—1

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NOT VOTING—79

Abercrombie	Goode	Peterson (PA)
Ackerman	Green, Gene	Pickering
Becerra	Harman	Pitts
Blumenauer	Hayes	Pomeroy
Boehner	Hirono	Rangel
Boustany	Holden	Ros-Lehtinen
Boyd (FL)	Holt	Rush
Braley (IA)	Hooley	Ryan (OH)
Brown-Waite,	Hunter	Saxton
Ginny	Johnson, E. B.	Schmidt
Buyer	Kagen	Sessions
Coble	Keller	Shays
Conyers	Kennedy	Simpson
Costello	Kind	Slaughter
Cramer	LaHood	Stark
Crenshaw	Larson (CT)	Stupak
Davis (AL)	Lewis (KY)	Tancredo
Delahunt	Marchant	Tauscher
Dicks	Matsui	Terry
Drake	Miller (FL)	Walsh (NY)
Edwards	Murtha	Weldon (FL)
Everett	Musgrave	Weller
Fossella	Neal (MA)	Whitfield (KY)
Frank (MA)	Nunes	Woolsey
Frelinghuysen	Oberstar	Young (AK)
Gallegly	Pascrell	Young (FL)
Gingrey	Pearce	

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So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated for:

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I missed rollcall vote No. 146 on March 14, 2008.

If present, I would have voted: Rollcall vote No. 146, Approval of the Journal, “nay.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 145 and 146, had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, on the legislative day of Friday, March 14, 2008, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to cast a vote on a number of rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: Rollcall 143—“nay”; rollcall 144—“nay”; rollcall 145—“nay”, rollcall 146—“nay”.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2008

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, April 2, 2008.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WILSON of Ohio). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF HON. STENY H. HOYER AND HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH MARCH 31, 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 14, 2008.

I hereby appoint the Honorable STENY H. HOYER and the Honorable CHRIS VAN HOLLEN to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through March 31, 2008.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

There was no objection.

REAPPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS TO
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
PAGE BOARD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 88b-3, amended by section 2 of the House Page Board Revision Act of 2007, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Chair announces the Speaker's and minority leader's joint reappointment of the following individuals to the House of Representatives Page Board for a term of 1 year, effective March 20, 2008:

Ms. Lynn Silversmith Klein of Maryland.

Mr. Adam Jones of Michigan.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3547

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as a cosponsor of H.R. 3547.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE COUGARS OF MOUNT NOTRE DAME AND THE WINTON WOODS HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY ENSEMBLE

(Mr. CHABOT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)